

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to remove reference to a document that was improperly cited due to a typographical error. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

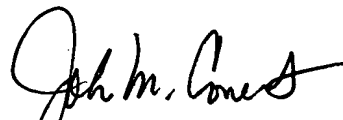
***Conclusion***

Based on the amendments and remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

***In the Specification:***

Please substitute the following paragraphs/sections for the pending paragraphs/sections. Substitute the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15, with the following paragraph:

HA and its salts can be isolated from many sources including human umbilical cord, rooster combs and nearly all connective matrices of vertebrate organisms. HA is also a capsular component of bacteria such as Streptococci ~~as was shown by Kendall et al,~~ (1937), ~~Biochem. Biophys. Acta~~, 279, 401-405; it may therefore also be obtained by fermentation methods. For example, the present applicant's US Patent No 5,411,874 describes a method for producing hyaluronic acid by continuous fermentation of Streptococcus equi.

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